

Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week

WHEREAS, Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week underlines that an estimated 2,100 men in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer annually, and an estimated 450 men each year will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week highlights that the breast cancer is commonly misunderstood as a disease affecting only women, a misconception that can delay diagnosis and treatment in men, often leading to death; and

WHEREAS, Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week raises awareness that an early detection of male breast cancer is critical, as men who are diagnosed when breast cancer is in its earliest stages have an increased chance of successful treatment and, ultimately, survival; and

WHEREAS, Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week underscores that due in part to a lack of awareness that men can develop the disease, men are generally diagnosed with breast cancer at a later stage than women, which affects prognosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week emphasizes that in order to facilitate early diagnosis and prompt treatment of male breast cancer, public education, awareness, and understanding of the disease is necessary; and


WHEREAS, Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week recognizes the third week of October in remembrance of the men who have lost their lives to breast cancer and in support of those who are currently fighting this often overlooked disease, in conjunction with Breast Cancer Awareness Month and organizations nationwide;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 19-25, 2014, as

"MALE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in fostering public awareness and understanding of male breast cancer and encouraging early detection and prompt treatment.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighth day of October, 2014.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i